**Loan disbursed by RRBs**

†2937. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total loan disbursed by various Regional Rural Banks in the country;

(b) the loan recovered, so far;

(c) the details with regard to Regional Rural Banks of Maharashra; and

(d) what necessary steps are proposed to be taken to recover the balance loan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL) : (a) Total loan disbursed by 196 Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) during the year 2002-2003 was Rs. 11,821 crore.

(b) the recovery made by RRBs during the year 2002-03 was Rs. 8260 crore.

(c) The toal loan disbursed by RRBs of Maharashtra during the year 2002-03 was Rs. 295 crore and recovery made was Rs. 309 crore.

(d) The RRBs have regular recovery drives and have taken following additional measures to recover the loans.

* Recovery through one time settlement scheme and settlement through Lok Adalats.
* Recovery of loans particularly under Government sponsored schemes with the help of Government Machinery/District Administration.
* Involvement of farmers' clubs to improve recovery.
* Recovery through Self Help Groups.
* Compromise settlement for chronic over dues.
* Recovery through civil suites under legal system.
* Tie-up arrangement for recovery with marketing and other agenices (Sugar factories, Milk Societies etc.)

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